IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, immediately following the title, please insert the following sentence:

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 18, through page 13, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

An outer end portion of a shearing reinforcement metal 7 is secured to an upper end portion of the outer wall 2, and the metal 7 extends horizontally toward the inner wall 3. An inner end portion of the metal 7 is bent downward at a right angle and connected to the upper end portion of the inner wall 3. The horizontal load (seismic force and so forth) acting on the roof structure 4 and the inner wall 3 ~~2~~ is transmitted to the outer wall 2 by means of the metal 7 and it is supported by resistance of the outer wall 2 against earthquake. The second floor structure 5 and the upstairs inner wall 3 are supported by horizontal members 9. Shearing reinforcement means 8 for an intermediate floor 7 interconnects the horizontal members 9 and the outer wall 2 for transmission of stress.

Please replace the paragraph on page 15, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

A specific fixing tool 100 as illustrated by phantom lines in Fig. 4 is used for tightening the nut 70 onto the bolt 60A~~B~~. The fixing tool 100 is provided with a portable driving part 101, a socket part 102 selectively engageable with the bolt 60 and the nut 70, and a joint part 103 which can integrally connect the

proximal portion of the socket 102 with a rotary shaft 104 of the driving part 101. The socket part 102 receives the nut 70 so as to transmit the torque of the part 101 to the nut 70, thereby rotating the nut 70 in its tightening direction. The nut 70 rotates relatively to the bolt 60A to be securely tightened on the upper end portion of the bolt 60A.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 23 through page 16, line 11 with the following paragraph:

The brick-laid condition of the bricks 10 (the first to fourth layers A:B:C:D) thus constructed is shown in FIGS. 5 and 6. Tensile stress corresponding to the tightening torque acts as pre-stress on the bolt 60, upper and lower end portions of which are engaged with the nuts 70, and compressive stress acts as pre-stress on the brick 10 between the upper and lower plates 50. The torque applied to the bolt 60 and the nut 70 in the upper layer by the tool 100 transmits to the bolt 60 and the nut 70 of the layer immediately thereunder, and acts to further tighten the underside bolt and nut. Therefore, a series of connected bolts 60 and nuts 70 functions in such a manner that the tightening torque of the upper bolts 60 and nuts 70 is transmitted to the lower bolts 60 and nuts 70, and that the lower bolts 60 and nuts 70 are further tightened by a stronger tightening torque as the bricks 10 are laid in the upper layers. This results in that the pre-stress of a considerably high strength acts on the bolts 60 and the bricks 10 residing in the lower layers, and therefore, that the rigidity and toughness of the wall are considerably improved against the horizontal and vertical exciting forces.